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SUBJECT: REACTION TO US ARMS PURCHASE

1. NONE RPT NONE OF ETHIOPIAN MEDIA CARRIED ANY MENTION OF US APPROVAL TO SELL ETHIOPIA SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS.

2. MOST ETHIOPIANS, HOWEVER, AWARE OF STORY VIA INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTS AND LOCAL GRAPEVINE.

3. INITIAL REACTION APPEARS TO FALL INTO TWO GENERAL CATEGORIES:

(A) AMHARA "HAWKS" ARE SOMEWHAT "PLEASED" BUT THEY ARE ALSO ASKING WHY ALLOCATION WAS "SO SMALL" WHEN MUCH MORE ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE NEEDED TO "WIPE OUT INSURGENTS IN ERITREA."

(B) ON THE OTHER HAND, MODERATE ELEMENTS-- INCLUDING SOME AMHARAS--ARE PUZZLED, ANNOYED AND SOME QUITE ANGRY AT US INVOLVEMENT IN "ETHIOPIAN CIVIL WAR."

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